## St. Lawrence Health System

## How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Simple Mask

## Wear Your Mask Correctly

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it over your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Keep it in place when speaking with others
- Wash your hands once it is in place

## **Take Off Your Mask Correctly**

- Wash your hands before removing your mask
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- The outside of the mask is considered contaminated, do not touch it
- If wet, soiled, or ripped, dispose of in a trash can
- If keeping for another wear, set the mask down with the outside face down on a paper towel
  - Carefully dispose of the paper towel when re-applying the mask
- Wash your hands



